

~~VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.~~

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. and C. steamer *Galle*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 17th August, and may be expected here on the 14th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published each week, in *the Extra*, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 For Macao.—For Yokohama, to-day, the 8th instant, at 5.30 A.M.
 For Nagasaki, to-morrow, at 5.30 P.M.
 For Malacca, to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 5.30 P.M.
 For Singapore, Saturday, at 5.30 P.M.
 For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—For Suva and Arratoon Apea, on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—For Hongkong, on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Bangkok.—For Consolation, on Monday, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Japan, via Kobe.—For Nippon-Maru, on Friday, the 17th instant, at 5 P.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to

order, under Section XII. of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, that the Late Fee charged on Correspondence posted after certain hours for Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of 18 as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET

The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 9th September, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Hong-kong, Pooti, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

0.15 P.M. Registry closes.

0.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (except on board the Packet Office) may be posted on board the Packet with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay, cannot be sent by this route.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet "ANADYR" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 13th Sept., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Buremah, Ceylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondichy, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet "KHIVA" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 16th September, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Buremah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Giumhar.

The Australian Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAIL.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

SATURDAY.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open till the office hours.

MONDAY.

7 A.M. Post Office opens.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters closes. Posting of

REGULATIONS AS TO LETTERS AND MAIL.

11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Late Fees.
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be accepted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents until time of departure.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers,* Army Schoolmasters, Superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-cent letters to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or via Marseilles at the rate of four cents (two-pence) each, which will be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong dollars.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

3.—If such letters are prepaid at the former rate of two cents (one penny) will be forwarded to or from the United Kingdom by private steamer, and not by the mail packets.

4.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every six weeks, and are from six to seven weeks on the voyage.

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, except by registered post.

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the corner of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full.

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description must be stated in full on the letter.

8.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can those be prepared with Imperial Stamps.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Assistant Engineers, Gunners, Boatwains, or Carpenters.

TEA MUSTERS.

Persons who send Masters of Tea through the Post in Kins are requested to have them insured, either by some insurance company, or by secure initials of receipt, as it is impossible to pack round tea securely in the mail bags. It is believed that the tea will travel

more safely in flat tin, which are not so liable as round ones to be bulged in.

By 3 lbs it is inches as great as a good size. The tins should not have sharp corners.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Monte Video and Paraguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a consignment necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cents per half ounce usual. This Office then under-takes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

STAMP OFFICE.

The above Office being now provided with a 3-cent die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque-Books—these receipt forms can also be stamped if required.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China, the Hongkong Post Office of this Office are allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in slips of at least two, as separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

Letters containing Stamps should be registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

A Pillar Box has been established at the West Point Police Station (opposite the Sailors' Home), and another at the South front of the Harbour Department.

The hours of clearance are as follow:—

	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
West Point	10.00	2.00	4.40
Harbour Department	10.15	2.15	4.50
Letters arrive at the Office	10.30	2.30	4.55

Correspondence of all kinds posted in either box before the first clearance on mail day will be in time for the Hongkong mail.

All correspondence for Hongkong will be delivered the same day.

Recipients who keep a postage account with this Office may post their correspondence in these boxes without stamps, provided the name or recognised device appears on each article.

Local correspondence means that for Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China.

Mails closing at this hour will be kept on till 4.15.

